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**DETAILED ACTION**

The reply brief filed March 22, 2004 has been entered and considered.

Request for oral hearing filed on March 22, 2004 is acknowledged.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher S. Kim whose telephone number is (703) 308-8336. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

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